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**U.S. CHARGES ORANGEBURG MAN WITH USING THE INTERNET  
TO MEET A MINOR GIRL FOR SEXUAL ACTIVITY**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and PASQUALE D'AMURO, the Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office of the FBI, announced that DAVID CAMUS, 43, of Orangeburg, Rockland County, New York, was arrested in Manhattan late yesterday after he had arranged to meet a person he believed to be a 13-year-old girl he had contacted by the Internet in order to engage in sexual activities with the girl.

According to the Complaint filed yesterday in Manhattan federal court, CAMUS, using the screen name "Local1 DC," communicated with a special agent of the FBI acting in an undercover capacity and posing as a 13-year old girl. CAMUS identified himself as a 42-year-old man and emailed the undercover agent a photograph of himself.

According to the Complaint, from about May 20, 2004, up to May 28, 2004, during the course of their internet conversations:

- a. the undercover agent informed CAMUS that the person with whom he was communicating was 13 years old and sent CAMUS a photograph of a young teenage girl that was purportedly a photograph of the minor girl with whom he believed he was communicating.
- b. CAMUS indicated on computer messages and tape-recorded phone calls that he intended to engage in specific sexual activities with the purported girl, including kissing, fondling, oral sex, and sexual intercourse. Among other things, CAMUS stated in graphic terms that he and the girl would have oral sex in his car when they met and that he wanted to make her his "own personal slut."
- c. CAMUS also stated that he loved the girl and the purported girl informed him that she could only talk to and see him at certain times because of her mother, and that she was a virgin.

The defendant was presented yesterday before United States Magistrate Judge HENRY B. PITMAN in Manhattan federal

court and faces a bail hearing tomorrow at 1 P.M. before United States District Judge KIMBA M. WOOD.

The defendant is charged in the Complaint with using the means of interstate commerce, namely the Internet, to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce an individual who had not attained the age of 18 years to engage in a sexual activity.

If convicted, the defendant faces A maximum penalty of 30 years' imprisonment, including 5 years minimum mandatory imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Mr. KELLEY praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this case and said that the investigation is continuing.

Assistant United States Attorney JOHN J. O'DONNELL is in charge of the prosecution.

The charge contained in the Complaint is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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